

Daniels Canyon Road

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Driving U.S. Highway 40 up Daniels Canyon, you may think there are too many bridges. But there's a good reason. That meandering stream you see here is still nearly "natural."

Long Trail A-Winding

Been Wondering About Wanderer?

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HEBER—Build a modern highway and save a fishing stream? It's a problem. Take U.S. Highway 40 up Daniels Canyon.

BACK IN 1905 when the patient pioneers left Heber to settle in the Uintah Basin, they crossed Daniel's Creek 49 times before reaching the summit.

Today you still cross the stream 16 times in a six-mile stretch. But there's a reason.

OSCAR GILES, 71, Heber, recalls that as a lad hauling freight with his brother to the basin, the road followed the canyon bed. It was swampy and it took a good day by team and wagon to reach the Massey Dug-

summit, many drivers had to double-up their teams to get wagons up the steep grade. many times as the pioneers did, but several, nevertheless,

ENGINEERING has reduced the grade, put the road along the mountain side.

But during all the changes—particularly the more recent ones—care has been taken to preserve meandering little Daniels Creek as near its original state as possible.

BARE AREAS have been planted with grass and willows, too, because Daniels Creek is regarded as one of Wasatch County's best fishing streams.

THAT'S THE reason travelers up Daniels Canyon still cross Daniels Creek—not as

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